## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2800**

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Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.10 (98-0616.09)

Serial No. : 09/652,714

Group Art Unit

: 2815

Filed

: August 31, 2000

Examiner

: Jose R. Diaz

Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 86-99 as follows:

(New) A method of forming a semiconductor device, comprising: --86. depositing a first conductive layer having a surface and having an ability to associate with oxygen;

incorporating a selection consisting of diborane, phosphine, methylsilane, hexamethyldisilane, hexamethyldisilazane, HCL, boron trichloride, and combinations thereof directly into the surface to passivate the surface of the first conductive layer to reduce the ability of the first conductive layer to associate with oxygen;

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